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PERFORMANCE OF USSR TRANSPORT SECTOR IN 10TH FIVE YEAR
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SUMMARY: CHANCES OF USSR ACHIEVING 10TH FIVE-YEAR PLAN
TARGETS IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR SEEM TO BE RECEDING.
IN ARTICLE SUMMARIZING PRODUCTIVITY AND FREIGHT TURNOVER
GROWTH RATES IN 1976-77 AND GROWTH RATES NECESSARY BE-
TWEEN 1978-80 TO ACHIEVE 10TH FIVE-YEAR TARGETS, PLANOV
KHOZYAYSTVO INDICATES THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUTOMO-
BILE AND PIPELINE BRANCHES, OTHER TRANSPORTATION BRANCHES
WILL MEET TARGETS ONLY WITH EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS. RESULTS
FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978, MOREOVER, SHOW THAT
THESE EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING.
OTHER DATA FROM JOURNALS INDICATE THAT EVEN IF BUILDING
IN RAILROAD SECTOR CONTINUES PRESENT GROWTH RATE, ITS
10TH FIVE-YEAR PLAN TARGETS FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION WILL
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NOT BE ACHIEVED; IN TURN THAT WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT
ON GROWTH RATES FOR LABOR PRODUCTIVITY AND FREIGHT TURN-
OVER. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF PAST POOR SHOWING, SEVERAL
BRANCHES OF TRANSPORTATION SECTOR ARE GETTING CONSIDERABLE
CAPITAL INVESTMENT. INCLUDING ABOVE PLAN 1978 ALLOCATION
RAILROADS ARE RECEIVING 3.5 BILLION RUBLES IN 1978, AND
1978 INVESTMENT IN MARITIME AND RIVER FLEET IS UP 18.3

AND 19.5 PERCENT OVER 1977 RESPECTIVELY.

END SUMMARY

1. USSR GOSPLAN CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT ZOTOV, WRITING IN GHANOVUE KHOZYYSTVO NO. 6, PROVIDES STATISTICS WHICH INDICATE THAT 10TH FIVE-YEAR PLAN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR TARGETS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. ZOTOV GIVES FOLLOWING FIGURES FOR FREIGHT TURNOVER GROWTH RATE IN 1976-77 AND TARGETS FOR REMAINING THREE YEARS (FIGURES IN PERCENTAGES):

-	-	GROWTH ACHIEVED	GROWTH PLANNED
-	-	1976-7/1975	1978-80

RAILROADS	-	2.9	18.5 "AT LEAST"
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MARITIME	-	5	25.8
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AUTOMOBILE	-	12.4	26.3
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RIVER FLEET	-	4.1	17.9
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PIPELINE	-	38.5 (SIC)	28.8
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CIVIL AVIATION	-	4.0	29.4
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(NOTE: AUTOMOBILE AND RIVER TARGETS FOR 10TH FIVE-YEAR PLAN REPRESENT DOWNWARD REVISIONS FROM ORIGINAL TARGETS OF 42 AND 22 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.)

HIS FIGURES ON LABOR PRODUCTIVITY PROVIDE SOME EXPLANATION FOR POOR SHOWING THUS FAR IN TRANSPORT SECTOR (ACHIEVED 1976-1977 VERSUS PLANNED FIGURES, IN PERCENTAGES) :

-	PRODUCTIVITY INCREASE	PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH
-	ACHIEVED	PLANNED

RAILROADS	-	1.6	-	5.6
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MARITIME	-	-.5	-	6
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RIVER FLEET	-	2.8	-	6.4
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ACCORDING TO HIM, 92 PERCENT OF THE GROWTH IN TURNOVER BY RAILROADS WAS TO COME FROM INCREASED LABOR PRODUCTIVITY WHEREAS ONLY 56 PERCENT ACTUALLY DID.

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2. THE RESULTS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978, PUBLISHED

IN PRAVDA JULY 22, INDICATE THAT TRENDS APPARENT IN THE
FIRST TWO YEARS ARE CONTINUING AND THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF PIPELINE AND AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORT, HOPES OF FULFILLING
FIVE-YEAR PLAN TARGETS ARE RECEDING QUICKLY. STATISTICS
FOR FREIGHT TURNOVER FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978 ARE
PROVIDED BELOW:

- - 1978/1977 PLAN FULFILLMENT
- - (PERCENT) (PERCENT)

RAILROADS - 103 102

MARITIME - 106 --

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AUTOMOBILE - 106 100.6

RIVER - 100 97

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PIPELINE - 112 101

AVIATION - 110 --

3. COMPARING ZOTOV'S FIGURES FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION IN RAILROAD FOR REMAINING THREE YEARS WITH FIGURES PROVIDED BY ARTICLE IN POLITICHESKOE SAMOOBRAZOVANIE NUMBER 7 ("RAZVITIE TRANSPORTA V SSSR:TSIFRY I FAKTY") INDICATES THAT RAILROAD CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION IS BEHIND SCHEDULE. ZOTOV WRITES THAT IN LAST THREE YEARS OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2196 KILOMETERS OF NEW TRACK AND 3020 KILOMETERS OF DOUBLE TRACKING MUST BE LAID WHILE 3030 KILOMETERS ARE TO BE ELECTRIFIED. IN CONTRAST, ACCORDING TO PS, IN 1976-1977 THE CONSTRUCTION AND ELECTRIFICATION ACTUALLY ACHIEVED WERE 1300, 1000, 1500 KILOMETERS RESPECTIVELY. (PS STATES THAT PLANNED 1978 FIGURES ARE 639, 815, AND 530 KILOMETERS RESPECTIVELY.)

4. PS GIVES SOME FIGURES ON CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN 1978: RAILROADS WILL RECEIVE 3.5 BILLION RUBLES OF INVESTMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL INCREMENT OF INVESTMENT ALLOCATED IN 1978; AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORT IS TO GET 1.6 BILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION OF 11,000 KILOMETERS OF ROAD; INCREASE IN CAPITAL SPENDING IN MARITIME TRANSPORT IN 1978 VERSUS 1977 WILL BE 18.3 PERCENT, WHILE IN RIVER TRANSPORT IT WILL BE 19.5 PERCENT.

5. COMMENT: UNLESS THERE IS A GREAT SURGE IN ACTIVITY OVER THE REMAINING TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS OF THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN, IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT TRANSPORT SECTOR WILL ACHIEVE 1980 TARGETS IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION, PRODUCTIVITY AND FREIGHT VOLUME. THUS IT APPEARS THAT TRANSPORTATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE A BOTTLENECK THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN--AND INTO THE 11TH AS WELL IF CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRIFICATION AND RE-EQUIPPING CONTINUE TO LAG. MOREOVER, INCREASED ALLOCATION OF INVESTMENT FUNDS AT LEAST IN RAILROADS, WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON IMPROVING RAILROADS' PERFORMANCE, SINCE MUCH OF THE INCREASE WILL BE GOING TO CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROADS EAST OF THE URALS, RATHER THAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF RAILROADS WEST OF THE URALS, INCREASED ELECTRIFICATION AND EXPANDED PRODUCTION OF ENGINES AND FREIGHT CARS--THE AREAS WHICH MINISTER PAVLOVSKIY INDICATED WERE NEEDING ATTENTION (REFTEL). TOON

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